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MINUTES

Board of Directors **August 28, 2008** **8/08**

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| Present: | Alan Arbuckle Ken Graham Michael McEwen | David Crowley Ed Hand John H. Miller |
| Staff: | Dell Hallett Charles Billington Rudy Dyck Brian Stratton | Bruce Reid Jim Ellis Don Maciver |
| Regrets: | Dwight Bennett Steve Desroches Maria McRae (no City of Ottawa Councillors were present due to a City Council meeting.) | Glenn Brooks Clive Doucet Cathy Willoughby |

Prior to the meeting, RVCA Board Members and Staff toured Beryl Gaffney Park and were provided with information from the City of Ottawa on the future park development.

Chair Alan asked everyone to respectfully turn off their electronic devices before the meeting began.

1. **Declaration of Interest** None.

2. **Consent Agenda**

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| Motion 1 | Moved by: | Ken Graham |
| | Seconded by: | David Crowley |

That Agenda items #3, 6 and 8 be carried by consent.

Motion Carried

3. **Approval of Minutes, July 24, 2008**

That the minutes of Board of Directors Meeting, #7/08, July 24, 2008, be approved.

Motion Carried by Consent

4. **Business Arising from Minutes** None.

5. **Accounts Paid, July 1 - 31, 2008**

Dell Hallett explained an expenditure item for the Board.

Motion 2 **Moved by:** Ken Graham
 Seconded by: John H. Miller

That the Accounts Paid, July 1 - 31, 2008, be approved.

Motion Carried

6. **Staff Report – Status Report on the Mississippi – Rideau Tier 1 Water Budget and Stress Assessment**

1. That the RVCA amend the Delcan agreement under which Delcan is the lead/hydrological consultant for the MNR approved Tier 1 Water Budget and Stress Assessment for the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Region for an additional amount of \$17,500.
2. That the RVCA amend the Intera agreement under which Intera will be the hydrogeological consultant for the MNR approved Tier 1 Water Budget and Stress Assessment for the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Region for an additional amount of \$27,500.

Motion Carried on Consent

7. **Strategic Planning**

As part of the annual Strategic Planning effort with the Board of Directors, Dell Hallett presented a slide show (attached) outlining Management Committee's ideas for fine tuning RVCA work into the future. The Board was asked to comment on the slides and any other topic they felt needed attention.

One of the trends noted was the increasing number and complexity of environmental rules which watershed residents are faced with. It is the Board's opinion that there is both an all-time high public interest in our water resources and a high level of general public support for fair and enforceable rules. The Board agreed with the distinction between low cost operations and cost-effective operations (or good value for money). We wish to be in the good value for money category.

Board members identified the top three groups of importance to RVCA being municipal councils/staff, shoreline landowners and the agriculture community. Members are aware of the rather constant flow of misinformation and "not quite right" stories among some sectors of the population and reiterated our commitment to repetition of our key messages for the benefit of the majority of the residents. The Board

also wishes RVCA to make every effort to visit every municipal council within 12 months of a municipal election.

The Board also wants to move in the direction of building better relationships with our key stakeholders. Now that we have made the investment in technical knowledge and professional staff members, the Board wants us to make sure we can transfer that knowledge and watershed information to our municipal and other partners for their use. We will be doing surveys and asking our partners about how we can improve our environmental assistance to them in 2009 in an effort to make RVCA programs and services even more useful to people in the valley.

The ongoing municipal budget pressures were discussed at some length along with a review of recent annual “operational budgets” in some of our member municipalities. RVCA at both the Board and staff level will be lobbying and seeking appropriate funding programs from other levels of government to assist in some of our conservation programs. In reality, RVCA’s non-discretionary costs rose between 5 – 6 % this year.

The Board identified a number of future program opportunities including well inspections, upgraded Conservation Foundation, nutrient management program and shoreline stewardship programs to be undertaken as resources permit.

On the whole, the Board was comfortable with the general directions and priorities suggested in the slide show.

8. August Activity Reports Carried on consent

9. Member Inquiries

- The LEED designation for the new Rideau Valley Conservation Centre is still under review by the Green Building Council and our LEED consultant Morrison Hershfield; we seem to be getting close to a decision but this is definitely a long detailed technical process with lots of question marks.
- The RVCA’s Dickinson Square buildings are not yet transferred to the City of Ottawa; we are awaiting an official Offer to Purchase document from city personnel.
- Flood plain mapping to cover growth areas in the Village of Richmond is underway; currently, we are in the process of consultant selection and costing of the job.

10. New Business

- The fall meeting with Lanark County has not yet been scheduled with Peter Wagland

11. Upcoming Meetings

- a) RVC Foundation Annual General Meeting, September 22, 2008
- b) RVCA Board of Directors, September 25, 2008

12. Adjournment The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9 pm.

Alan Arbuckle
Chair

Charles Billington
Recording Secretary

C:Board of Directors Minutes August 28 2008 Approved